

Remembering your baptism, receive now this sign of water and blessing. Amen.

**Prayer of Dedication and The Lord's Prayer**

**Benediction**

Closing Hymn

*Your Ways Are Not Our Own*  
Vs. 1, 4, 5

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**Our Worship Participants Today**

Rev. Nancy Rottman, Ms. Larainne Wilson, Mr. Doug Hodgkins,  
and Mr. David Bjorkman.

**Our Tech Team Today**

Mr. Chuck Cotting, Mr. Gary Muise, and Mr. Scott DeSantis.

**CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

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We Welcome Everyone: An Open and Affirming Church

The Rev. Nancy Rottman, Senior Pastor  
Larainne Wilson, Director of Faith Formation  
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Leah O'Brien, Director of Tower Day School  
Alison O'Connor, Church Administrator



**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**10:00 AM**

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**January 9, 2022**

## Renewal of Our Baptism

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### We Gather

**Call to Worship** (From Isaiah 60:1-3)

David Bjorkman

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.  
Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

**Opening Hymn**

*O Morning Star, How Clear and Bright*

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**Prayer of Invocation**

Laraine Wilson

### Star Stories

Scripture

Ephesians 3:1-12

David Bjorkman

"What's the point?"

Rev. Nancy

Stars Words for 2022

### Living Our Baptism

Scripture

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Laraine Wilson

Introduction

Laraine Wilson

Words of Welcome

**Laraine:** They were bringing children to Jesus that he might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them:

**People: "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the realm of God. Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the realm of God like a child shall not enter it."**

**Laraine:** And Jesus took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

### Blessing of the Water

#### The Promises of Baptism Remembered

You who have been baptized and are a part of this community of faith:

- Do you recommit this day to your journey to discover the wonder of God's love? **ALL: I do.**
- Do you promise to study and learn from the wisdom of the prophets; doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with God? **ALL: I do.**
- Will you nurture in yourself and in others an appreciation for the life and teachings of Jesus? **ALL: I will.**
- Will you be open and explore faith questions and will you respect others' journeys of meaning-making? **ALL: I will.**
- Do you promise to be a part of the regular worship, life, support, work, and mission of the church of Jesus Christ as it serves the community and the world? **ALL: I do, with the help of God.**

As a sign of covenant with all members of the body of Christ, let us all join with the church in all times and places in affirming our faith.

- Do you believe in God the Source, the fountain of life? **ALL: I believe in God.**
- Do you believe in Christ the Servant, embodied in Jesus of Nazareth and in the church? **ALL: I believe in Christ.**
- Do you believe in the Spirit the Guide, the liberating wellspring of life? **ALL: I believe in the Spirit.**